

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 17, 2013

Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Butcher with First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Kenneth Whipker, and James Lienhoop were present. Ryan Brand was absent.
- D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the City Council meeting on December 3, 2013. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the Special City Council meeting on December 9, 2013. Councilor Whipker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 28, 2013, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "I2" (INDUSTRIAL: GENERAL) TO "CCc" (COMMERCIAL: COMMUNITY CENTER WITH COMMITMENTS)." (Orinoco Properties – 17th Street Rezoning) Jeff Bergman, Director of Planning, presented this ordinance by displaying maps and photographs of the area. He stated in recent years much of the area has been transitioning from industrial uses to more commercial and residential uses. The Columbus Plan Commission met on November 13, 2013 and gave a favorable recommendation, with conditions, voting eight (8) in favor and none opposed. The Plan Commission placed a condition on the rezoning that would eliminate some of the permitted uses, including large scale auto uses, auto rental, equipment rental and large scale retail. Jeff stated the owner of the property is agreeable to the conditions set by the Plan Commission. Discussion followed. Councilor Jerome made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 33, 2013, RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEDUCTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1 ET. SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATEMENT OF


BENEFITS FORM.” (Quality Machine and Tool Works, Inc.) Clark Greiner, Business Development and Planning Coordinator, along with Patrick Harrell, President of Quality Machine and Tool Works, Inc., presented this request for tax abatement. Quality Machine and Tool Works, Inc. requested a tax abatement on personal property at its existing property located at 1201 Michigan Avenue, Columbus. The property is located in a previously designated Economic Revitalization Area. Clark stated Quality Machine and Tool Works, Inc. specialize in custom machining and grinding engine and transmission components used in heavy duty and military applications throughout the world. Mr. Harrell explained they plan to invest \$384,290.00 in new manufacturing equipment, specifically two (2) vertical lathes, one (1) vertical machining center, and a forklift. Clark further stated that, as a result of this investment, 64 jobs would be retained and one new job will be added by the end of 2013. Discussion followed. Councilor Miller stated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the Council meeting and found Quality Machine and Tool Works, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the resolution and approve the tax abatement for ten (10) years. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and zero (0) opposed. Councilor Lienhoop abstained from voting.

- B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2014, AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (Old Marr Road / Talkwhit LLC Vacation) Jeff Bergman, presented this ordinance for vacating public right-of-way of old Marr Road. He stated the Council previously approved vacation of a portion of the west half of old Marr Road adjacent to Northbrook subdivision at the request of Centra Credit Union. Jeff displayed maps of the property and stated Talkwhit LLC’s request includes two (2) portions as follows: (1) the east half of the segment between Bridgepoint Drive and Haw Creek, and (2) the segment north of Bridgepoint Drive beyond that which would be used for new street construction in future sections of Northbrook. Much discussion followed. Mayor Brown opened the meeting for public comment. Rick Sanders with E.R. Gray & Associates, representing Talkwhit LLC, spoke briefly about a portion of vacation on the southern end of old Marr Road which contains a People Trail owned by the Parks Department. Further discussion. Councilor Jerome made a motion to approve the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 29, 2013, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICIERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013.” Jeff Logston, City Attorney and Executive Director of Administration, presented this ordinance to revise the overtime limits for Fire and Police Departments. Jeff explained there are funds available in the 100 categories and no additional money is needed. The Police Department requested \$10,000.00 to cover overtime for severe storms on November 17, a recent homicide investigation, and operation pullover. The Fire Department has experienced a need for additional overtime funding for marathon coverage, training at Muscatatuck and unexpected illnesses or injuries. The requested amount is an increase of \$4,000.00 for scheduled overtime and \$25,000.00 for unscheduled overtime within the Fire Department salary

ordinance. Discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Jeff asked the Council to consider suspending the rules of order to pass this in one reading. Lienhoop questioned the repercussions if this wasn't passed. Jeff explained there could be potential penalties. Councilor Jerome asked if the 2014 budget has more flexibility so this doesn't happen again. Mayor stated she hopes the city won't be in this position again. She stated they are aggressively managing the Fire Department's unlimited sick time through controls and policies. Councilor Jerome questioned if enough money was budgeted for training of Fire Department personnel. Jeff explained the amount requested for Fire Department training includes all expenses, including backup overtime. Councilor Bunch made a motion to suspend the rules of order and pass this in one reading. Councilor Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Councilor Bunch made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Whipker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – Councilor Shuffett made a motion to reappoint Clayton Force to the Columbus City Utilities Board for a three (3) year term. Councilor Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Discussion Items:
 LeadsOnline Ordinance proposal – Chief Maddix, Captain Rohde, and Detective Sgt. Tom Foust discussed a proposed ordinance to adopt a city code for pawnbrokers, jewelers, valuable metal dealers and secondhand dealers. They also presented information regarding an internet based product called LeadsOnline. The product is a database for business owners to report property being sold to them. The reporting would assist in local efforts to reduce property crimes and tracking of stolen property. Several members in the audience commented on the proposed ordinance and LeadsOnline product. Much discussion followed. Additional information will be gathered before further discussion with Council members.
- C. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 6, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in City Hall.**
- D. Councilor Bunch made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:32 P.M.


 Presiding Officer

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 Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus